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Career Day offers more than just new pens

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

Instead of students pounding the pavement looking for a job, employers came to the students.

The annual Missouri Southern Career Development Day was held Wednesday on the third floor of Billingsly Student Center.

More than 70 employers and graduate schools visited the campus to meet with students in the process of career planning, said Pat Hurley, director of career services.

Leggett & Platt, *The Joplin Globe*, Southwest Missouri Bank and Zimmer Radio Group were some of the employers represented at the fair. Graduate schools from Southwest Missouri State University, Pittsburg State University and the University of Tulsa were also represented.

"I was helping with Project Stay and was interested in what booths were set up for future job opportunities," said Jane Roark, junior sociology major.

She said the fair also offered breakout sessions coordinated with academic departments.

Breakout sessions were held for such career areas as technical medical fields, finance, computer science, biology and mass communications.

Lynsey Schwabrow, career services coordinator, said her office tried to have as many majors represented in the breakout sessions as possible.

The event offered career information more than positions available. The career fair is intended for students at any stage of career planning, she said.

"I'm only a freshman, but I

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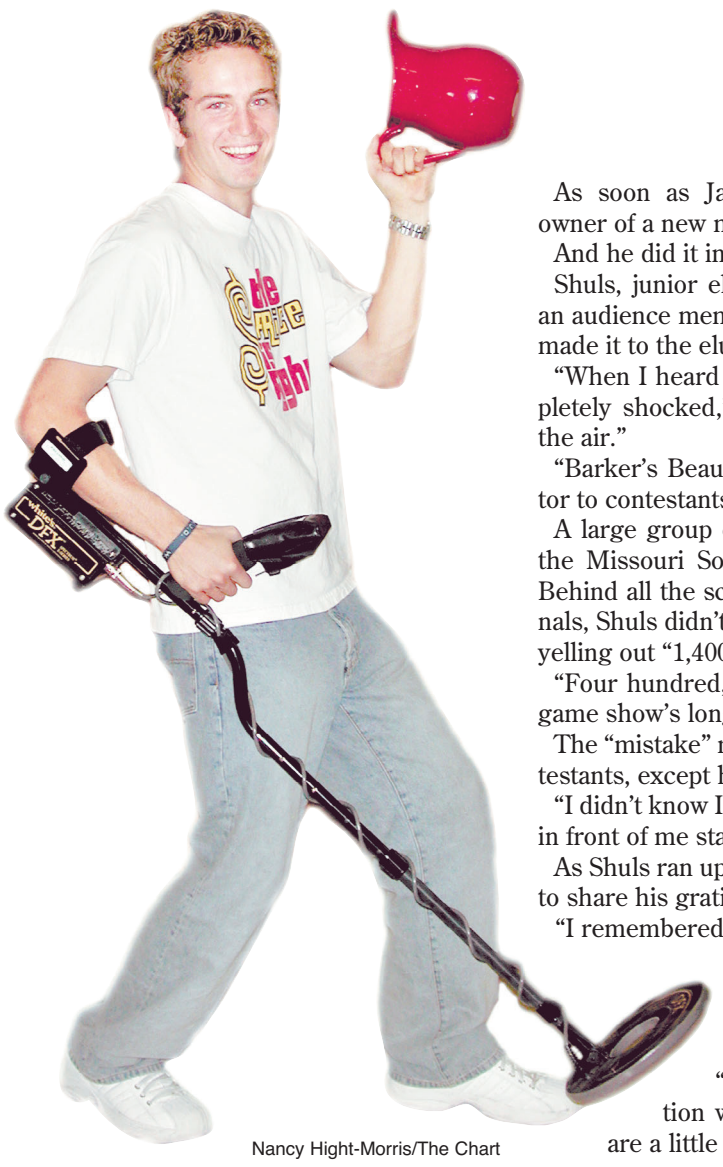
Anne Lerche, senior personnel associate of the Missouri Rehabilitation Center, assists Robi Woods, freshman nursing major.

'Come on Down'

Student makes use of chance meeting with famous game show host Bob Barker



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BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

As soon as James Shuls became the proud owner of a new metal detector, he kissed a man.

And he did it in front of an audience.

Shuls, junior elementary education major, was an audience member on "The Price is Right" and made it to the elusive contestants row.

"When I heard my name called out, I was completely shocked," Shuls said. "I jumped up into the air."

"Barker's Beauties" presented the metal detector to contestants.

A large group of friends did their best to help the Missouri Southern student out: "400, 400." Behind all the screaming numbers and hand signals, Shuls didn't realize his friends were actually yelling out "1,400."

"Four hundred," Shuls said to Bob Barker, the game show's long-standing host.

The "mistake" made Shuls a winner. All the contestants, except him, had over bid.

"I didn't know I won," he said. "A little blue light in front of me started shining."

As Shuls ran up on stage, he decided it was best to share his gratitude to Barker.

"I remembered all the ladies give Bob a kiss on the cheek," he said. "I didn't want to get left out."

And that's what he did. He kissed Bob Barker on the cheek.

"I don't remember what his reaction was," Shuls said. "My memories are a little hazy."

> *"Would you consider it cheating if I kissed Bob Barker?"*
>
> **James Shuls**
> *Contestant on "The Price is Right"*

It was a whirl-wind ride just to get on the show. He and a large group of students from Campus Crusade for Christ made a trip to Southern California for a summer retreat. The group of students stood in line for almost 12 hours.

"We played games and took turns walking around L.A.," Shuls said.

Once they received their tickets, they had to wait in yet another line. A couple of hours later, Shuls and the rest of the group went into the studios for group interviews. The hopeful contestants stated their names and where they were from.

As Shuls remembers, he gave them his game show voice.

"Hey, I'm James and I'm a student at Missouri Southern State University."

Organizers with the show continued asking questions. One organizer went back to Shuls.

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Administration begins vice president search

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

Honesty, integrity and a commitment to excellence are the aim of a search by a recently formed committee of Missouri Southern faculty.

The committee, chaired by Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, is mounting the search to find a new vice president for academic affairs.

"I think it is going to be a very successful process," Agee said.

She said an advertisement for the position appeared Sept. 26 in The *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The ad will also appear in the next edition of the chronicle, which is published weekly.

Agee said the ad has been on the Internet since Sept. 19. The ad placed by the search committee calls for an individual with 10 or more years of academic administrative experience.

The ad reads: "The ideal candidate will be innovative, student oriented and skillful in articulating issues both internally and externally."

The position is the chief academic officer for the University, responsible for programs in the schools of arts and sciences, business administration, education and psychology and technology.

The job description for the position also gives supervisory authority over the honors program, the institute of international studies, the library and the lifelong learning center.

"Applications are coming in," Agee said. "To be honest, I haven't even looked at what's there."

She said an official review of the applications received is tentatively scheduled to take place Nov. 15, and the interview process will begin in January or February.

"It's a similar schedule to 10 years ago, which was the last time we had a search," Agee said.

She said the committee is looking for an individual with excellent oral and written communication skills.

"We're going to make sure during the interview process to give students an opportunity to meet with candidates and ask questions," she said.

Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology, has been teaching at the University for 27 years.

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Students cite many reasons for dropping

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

Stressed and overwhelmed, Amanda Nunley, senior political science major, dropped out of classes at Missouri Southern in the spring and fall 2000 and the fall semester of 2001.

She eventually returned, but at the time, Nunley had a 1-year-old daughter, and said she just couldn't afford college and daycare at the same time. She had to work full-time to be able to support her and her daughter.

Kelly Wilson
Director of Student Support Center

"I just didn't care about school," Nunley said.

Many students, like Nunley, withdraw completely from classes every year.

David Clary, exit counselor in the financial aid department, visits with students each semester as they go through the process of dropping out. Clary said there are many reasons why students drop: personal, medical, family issues, transferring to another institution or financial.

Clary said students who have federal loans or Pell grants "should" go through an exit interview before they leave. He advises students to make an appointment and come talk to him so he can familiarize them with the exit process.

Clary said students don't always understand the ramifications of completely dropping out of college, especially if loans and grants are involved.

Carrissa Lawrence, senior theatre major, had to pay back her loan after she dropped out of college in February 1999. She was put on academic probation when she returned to classes in the spring of 2000 until she made up the credit hours she needed. By carrying 20 credit hours and making a 3.8 grade-point average, Lawrence was soon off probation and able to obtain the amount of money she needed from loans and grants.

Lawrence dropped out for several different reasons.

"A lot of things happened that overwhelmed me," Lawrence said.

She said the race ratio made it hard for her to fit in.

"I felt uncomfortable about being a black student here," she said.

Besides the racial issue, she said she also had medical problems and problems with her roommates. She wishes the theatre department would have done more at the time to pull her back in and some instructors would've been more lenient when it came to taking time off for medical reasons.

Lawrence was a freshman when she dropped, and said as a freshman, there's really not much an institution can do to retain students at that level.

"It's something the students have to do for themselves," Lawrence said.

When a student goes through the exit interview and fills out a withdrawal form, officials ask the student to fill out a survey to find out why they drop. The surveys are given to the student support center and Kelly Wilson, director of SSC, said if the student marked a personal issue or academic reason for dropping, her office will try and counsel the student.

"A lot of times they really don't know what their options are," Wilson said.

Sometimes just taking a lighter load of classes or seeking some financial advice will help a student's situation. Both Wilson and Clary will talk with students to see if there is anything Southern can do to keep them from dropping.

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Cloudy
High: 64
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Partly Cloudy
High: 60
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Senate plans electric sign

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

In anticipation of the final session of the Oct. 1 Student Senate meeting, several students sat outside the House of Lords.

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Two organizations requesting funds came to the floor.

The first organization was the International Reading Association. IRA asked for $1,000 to use toward funding a trip to a conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. Twelve members of the Missouri Southern IRA will serve as ambassadors at the conference. The Senate approved the request.

The second organization was the World Issues for Studying by Educators. WISE asked the Senate for $1,000 for an educational trip to Washington, D.C. The group would go to inner-city classrooms as teachers. The Senate approved the funds with the finance committee's recommendation.

"We, as an executive panel, have seen that getting communications out to the students is difficult," Odem said.

He then informed the Senate about a possible new electronic sign for the campus.

He said the idea was started last year. The Senate set aside funds for the sign last year, and the money is still available.

"It would really benefit the campus," Odem said.

After the old news had been discussed, Odem asked the Senators to work and participate in the Senate Casino Night at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

All students are welcome to attend Casino Night.

"It's a relaxed time for everyone to participate," Odem said.

The Senate will donate all proceeds to the United Way Foundation.

"It's really the only fund-raiser we do throughout the year," Odem said.

After all business was cleared from the floor, the Senate opened to the students wishing to fill the vacancies left from the original elections of the year.

Coming to the floor were six freshmen, two sophomores, four juniors and five seniors.

The only class left with vacancies was the sophomore class. The sophomores need four senators to fill the vacancies. The potential senators were allowed to reason their election before Senate. The senators had to improvise certain rules because they are not experienced with filling so many vacancies.

"I'm very enthusiastic about it," said Sarah Seibert, senior middle school education major.

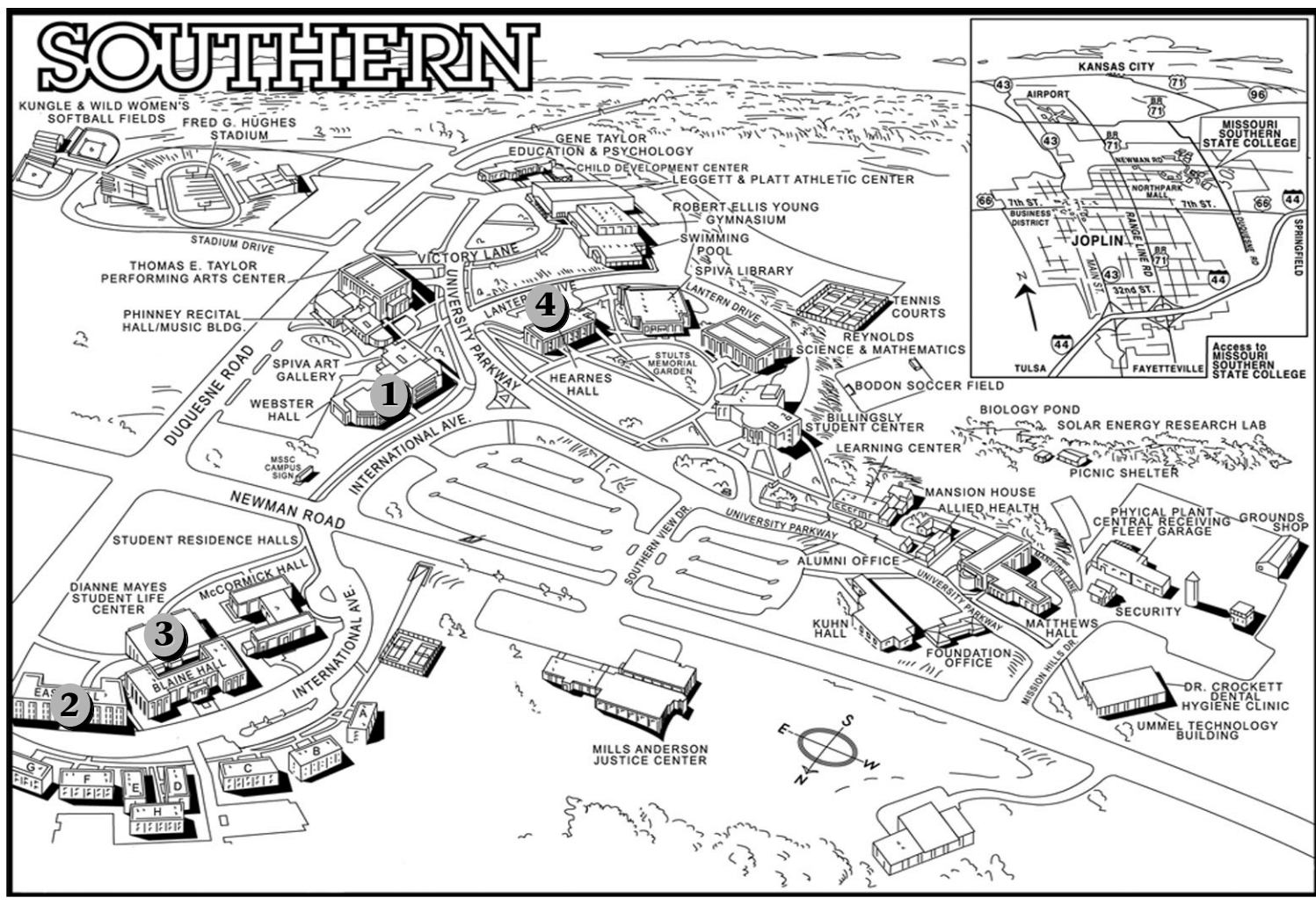
Seibert was a senator last year.

"I just want to make an impact," said Matthew DeGarmo, junior criminal justice major.

"I know in the future, the school will follow me as well as the alumni, and we need to fortify its (the University's) greatness," DeGarmo said.

The meeting adjourned after all new senators were voted in. Although the only open positions are in the sophomore class, any student from any class may fill the position should it remain open in the next two weeks. Sophomores will have priority to fill the positions at the Oct. 8 meeting.

"I was really happy with the turnout," Odem said. "Tonight was wonderful."



Campus takes forged checks for tuition

1 Forged Checks

9/29/03

11 a.m.

The security office was contacted by the business office with reports of forged checks.

The checks exceeded $1,700, and the officers were notified that the checks were all written by a student.

The officers checked for the student on campus, finding that the student had not been in any classes that day. An off-campus detective is trying to locate the student.

2 Fire Alarm

9/25/03

2 a.m.

Security personnel were contacted by a student reporting that water was running out into the street from the second floor of East Hall.

The fire alarm was activated and the proper personnel were notified to fix the problem.

3 Theft

9/25/03

1 p.m.

An officer was notified that money had been stolen from a purse in the cafeteria.

The officer arrived on the scene and found that someone who works in the cafeteria had $100 stolen from their locker.

The locker was not locked and there are presently no suspects.

4 Injured Person

9/25/03

2:05 p.m.

Security officers were dispatched to a person who had driven off the sidewalk and overturned in his wheelchair.

When officers arrived they found the student face down. Paramedics were notified, and the student was safely returned to his wheelchair.

The student was left under the supervision of a caretaker.

GAME:

From Page 1

"Are you with all these students?" he asked Shuls.

He wanted to tell the truth. But at the same time, he didn't want to reduce his chances of getting on the show either.

"I didn't want to lie, so I told him we all went to different colleges," Shuls said.

The organizer quickly responded: "OK, I believe you."

The response excited Shuls and the rest of the Campus Crusade crew. It's rumored around "The Price is Right" that an "I believe you" response is a confirmation for being selected from the audience.

"I was so nervous; a lot of people thought I would be chosen," he said.

As Shuls went back to remembering his story with Bob, the metal detector and his string of luck, he said before his appearance on the game show that he rarely watched the television program, but now he's a fan.

"I was playing for a brand new bedroom set," he said. "I don't remember how much it was worth."

Shuls played the Mountain Climber game, where the objective is to guess the correct prices to a few items. Bad guess — the climber hikes higher and higher toward a cliff. Good guess — the climber stays put. The first prize was a tin water pitcher.

He guessed $7.

"The climber dude started climbing," he said.

The actual price was $18. The next prize was a special edition *King Kong* DVD and a tool set. He was off by more than $20.

"The climber wasn't slowing down," he said. "I lost really bad."

Although the Southern student was defeated by poor guesses, Shuls was still a crowd favorite. He was first to spin the "Big Wheel." His first spin was 25 cents.

"I think I'll stay Bob."

Audience members started booing.

"Just joking Bob," he said as he lightly hit Barker on the arm.

His final spin was 50 cents, making his two spins a respectable 75 cents. The next contestant in line drew two 45-cent spins eliminating Shuls.

"I lost, but I was definitely a fan favorite," he said. "In the parking lot after the show, a bunch of girls yelled out to me, 'We love you, James.'"

When all the madness slowed down, and Shuls was back in Missouri, he had a big question to ask his fiancée, Crissy Capshaw.

"Would you consider it cheating if I kissed Bob Barker?" he said to Capshaw.

Capshaw, senior secondary education major, just laughed at the question. She was still getting over how he even made it to the show.

"He told me the entire story," Capshaw said. "It was hilarious."

Shuls told her the bedroom wasn't anything too special. She said when she watches the show, she will take a close look at the bedroom set that wasn't worth fighting for.

"That bedroom set would have been perfect since we're getting married in July," she said.

In the end, Shuls was happy about his experience. He's the proud owner of a metal detector, has a special edition *King Kong* DVD and a water container.

The episode airs Wednesday at 10 a.m. on CBS.

Even though Shuls lost, he said it's OK. He's just grateful for the opportunity.

"I really don't care about losing," he said. "It was just so amazing that I was on."

Campus Calendar

Homecoming rides onto campus with movie night, country dance

Homecoming Week will kick off Monday with LegaCD, where students can make their own CDs. The event runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center lounge.

The festivities continue on Tuesday with Western Movie Night. It will be held at 9 p.m. in the Student Life Center.

All departments on campus are also invited to participate in the Homecoming decorating contest. First prize will be a pizza party for the winning department. Second place will be a donut party for the department.

Departments should call Student Activities if they are interested. Judging of the campus displays will take place Tuesday.

Western Pictures will be the activity of the day on Wednesday. This event will be held on the Oval.

Thursday will consist of a Lion's Den Saloon from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in BSC and the Western Lion Dance. The dance will be held from 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Doors for the event open at 6 p.m. and the event starts at 7 p.m. Tickets can only be purchased at the door for $7. The event is sponsored by the Great Expectations bookstore in Joplin.

The 'Do Not Disturb' tour rocks into Criminal Justice building

Andrew Schwab, the frontman for Project 86, and Joby Harris of Crash Rickshaw will be coming to the Anderson Justice Center for a "spoken word performance" Wednesday.

The event will mostly be an inspirational speaking, but tracks from the upcoming Project 86 album *Songs to Burn Your Bridges By* will be previewed for the audience.

600-hour academy begins taking registrations to train officers

Registration for the 600-hour State Certified Basic Law Enforcement Academy began Oct. 1.

The academy will train students in numerous areas of law enforcement, including criminal statutes, criminal investigation and firearms.

If the eligible students complete the academy successfully, they will be certified by the Missouri Department of Public Safety as Peace Officers of Missouri.

Financial aid is available for qualified students. Classes will not begin until Jan. 12, 2004 and last until May.

Persons interested should contact Wayne Thomason at 625-9684 or thomason-w@mssu.edu.

Topic of free brown bag lunch is organized crime in Cuba

The next Brown Bag of the semester will be held Friday.

Dr. Mary Katherine Crabb, an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma, will be speaking at the event.

The topic of the speech will be "Post Socialism and Organized Crime: A Potential Problem for Cuba in the New Millennium?"

The presentation will be held from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in BSC Room 310. Persons may pick up their free lunch outside of BSC Room 310.

Southern television station opens new football programming

KGCS-TV will be showing some of the country's top high school football teams on Saturday mornings this fall. The High School Prep Game of the Week at 8 a.m. will be presented by the America One Network. The first showing is Saturday.

The America One Network and KGCS-TV will also be presenting a one-hour college football scoreboard program on Sunday mornings in October and November.

The show will feature results, highlights and news from the college football games of the week. The program will be shown at 10 a.m.

KGCS-TV programming can be found on UHF channel 57 and cable channel 7 in Joplin-Webb City.

Wellness program offers prizes to motivate workout routines

The Wellness Program is offering a free fitness incentive program.

The program is open to all students, faculty and staff of the University.

The program will help to motivate persons to start a cardiovascular workout routine to to work into their current routines.

The program offers prizes "just for doing physical activity."

For information, persons may contact the Campus Recreation & Wellness Program at 625-9392 or 625-9878.

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Story idea? Call The Chart... 625-9311

Southern offers firearms training courses

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

When John Eubanks found out about the firearms safety training program being offered at Missouri Southern he knew it was for him.

Eubanks, a Joplin resident, has several firearms in his home. He's a grandfather of four, and the children are constantly in his home. He said he's taking the class to ensure their safety.

"I'm here for the safety," Eubanks said. "I think it's a good idea for anyone who owns guns."

Eubanks attended the training program on Tuesday and Wednesday for two four-hour sessions. The program was full with 40 participants attending.

Faculty in Southern's Criminal Justice Program have been preparing for a series of firearm safety training programs for a while. It was just a matter of when the state was going to pass House Bill 349.

"Once the bill passed, we knew there was going to be demand," said Wayne Thomason, director of the law enforcement academy.

In order for Missourians to own a firearm, they must successfully complete an approved firearms safety course; be at least 23 years of age; be a U.S. citizen and either have lived in Missouri for six months or be stationed in Missouri with the Armed Forces; undergo state and federal criminal background checks, and pay $100 for a three-year permit.

Because of the high response from the community, the criminal justice department has eight courses.

"I'm excited to meet a lot of people in the community," Thomason said.

Participants had to pay $95 for the training course.

They receive training in the areas of legal requirements, care and cleaning of firearms, handgun safety and legal issues. The law enforcement academy is also using its live-fire range and two computerized electronic firing ranges.

"The course is good for anyone who just wants to learn about safety," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning.

Thomason said the program is not meant to be difficult. In the first program on Sept. 27, 39 of the 40 participants passed.

"It wasn't designed to be difficult," he said.

After a written examination, participants must shoot a target 15 out of 20 times.

Spurlin said he estimates that there will be a 95 to 100 percent passing rate.

Deb Packard, Joplin resident, is enrolled in the University's criminal justice program.

"I have to take this class for my degree," Packard said.

Packard said she isn't sure whether or not she will apply for the permit to carry a firearm.

"It's up in the air," she said.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Grant LaVelle, corporal with the Joplin Police Department, helps Richard Oliver, 75 of Joplin, examine his target used during a firearms safety training program held Oct. 1.

Participants who pass the initial program are eligible for an advanced training program which will be held Nov. 12.

Spurlin said the firearms safety program not only benefits the participants who take the course, but Southern as well.

"It benefits the entire University," Spurlin said. "One of our goals is to serve the community."

University seeks to strengthen its recycling program for future

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

Reduce, reuse and recycle is the name of the game.

"It's [recycling] the right thing to do for the environment," said Bob Harrington, director of physical plant.

Harrington said the problem is keeping students aware of recycling.

Along with Harrington, Randy Kessinger, junior sociology major, is helping with the effort to raise awareness at Missouri Southern.

"Our main job is to bring out awareness for the people on campus to start using the recycling bins, to save money and to help the environment," he said.

Harrington said one of the things they are working on is placing enough recycling bins in the right locations for students.

"When they are ready to throw their paper away, there's a recycling bin there," he said. "It's easy for them to do."

He believes if the recycling bins aren't convenient to use, the students aren't going to use them. He said no matter how much students believe in recycling and nothing is made convenient and workable, it is not going to happen.

"People are basically lazy, and they are going to do what is easiest for them to do," Harrington said.

Although they would like to add more recycling bins, Harrington said, there has to be posters around campus to remind students that the campus is a "recycling campus."

"It needs to be second nature," he said.

Kessinger would like to contact the organizations on campus for help in raising awareness. Within the organizations on campus, he would like to get a representative from each group to form a recycling group.

"We are going to try to get someone involved from each of the organizations to pass the word on within the organizations," he said. "Then those people in the organizations could spread the word to other people."

Katie Pierson, sophomore biology major, said it would be an "excellent thing" to have the campus known as a "green campus."

"That is a step in a new direction in this area and a progressive foot of movement toward more expanded ideas," Pierson said.

The recycling program has been going on for three years, starting with the help of the Ambassadors on campus.

"I have been trying to get some student organization to adopt this as a project, so they will help push it and get it in front of the eyes of all the other students," Harrington said.

"We've got to get the students involved because that is the largest percentage of people we have got on campus. If we can make them aware of it, they'll get involved with us, and they'll help us. We are looking for that kind of commitment."

Kessinger believes Southern is a recycling campus.

"We recycle a state college into a university," he said. "If we can do that, then we can certainly recycle paper, bottles, cans [and] fiber."

If there are ideas about recycling or one would like to volunteer, persons may contact Kessinger at kessinger-r-123@mssu.edu or Harrington at harrington-r@mssu.edu.

Alumni buy new diplomas

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

Whether they graduated in 1939 or July 2003, any alumni can now get a university diploma.

Any student who has ever graduated from Missouri Southern now has the opportunity to purchase the new diplomas. For $20, any alumni can get a replacement or gift diploma.

Sandi Gieson, registrar, said many institutions will offer this option if the institution changes names. It is not mandatory for the University to do so.

Lee Pound
Alumni Director

The choice to do it at Southern was University President Julio León's.

"Dr. León just wanted to do this as a courtesy to former students," Gieson said.

The new diplomas will say when the alumni graduated and what the institution was called at the time, then when the University granted the new diploma. Gieson said Southern has to be "historically accurate" regarding the date, name of the institution and the alumni's degrees.

She said her office has received about 100 requests for the new diplomas so far. She expects that number to continue to grow.

"I expect we'll get quite a few," Gieson said. "I can't predict how many."

Daniel Young graduated from Southern in December 1998. He has already ordered his replacement diploma, and he expects his wife will do the same soon. He plans to hang his new diploma alongside his old one.

"I thought it was a good idea," Young said. "I thought it was a nice thing that they are offering."

Lee Pound, alumni director, helps to promote the new opportunity through a public service announcement, newsletter and Homecoming. She also helps to make sure those that make the requests are satisfied.

"We make sure that everyone gets what they want to get," Pound said.

Pound said she is really focusing on Homecoming. She said there will be registration tables set up on Oct. 10-11.

She thinks graduates want to get the new diplomas, because they are proud of the institution changing names.

"Everyone's just so excited that we've been recognized at that level that they want to be a part of it," Pound said.

She expects the most excited group to be those who have graduated within the last 10 years. Pound said this is because that time period was when the University was trying hardest to change its name.

To get the new diploma, persons need to pick up either a replacement diploma request or diploma gift certificate request form.

The form needs to be filled out and returned to the business office with the $20 fee. The form will then be forwarded to the registrar's office, and then Pound will send out a letter of congratulations.

Gieson said it takes about 4-6 weeks from the time of the request for the alumni to get their new diplomas.

Pound said a request can't be made over the phone because, according to state law, signatures are required by the alumni.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

David Oquendo, lead vocalist of the New York salsa band Quimbombó, performed Oct. 1 in Taylor Auditorium. Quimbombó has seven band members and means "okra" in Spanish.

Concert creates dancing in Taylor

BY ANJULIE BOBO
Staff Writer

"I loved the jazz rhythm mixed with the blues."

Amber Huser
Junior International Business Major

The island rhythms of Cuba made their way to Missouri Southern.

Quimbombó, a Latin band who's inspirations come from a combination of jazz, blues and salsa, performed in Taylor Auditorium to an estimated crowd of 500 people.

"The concert was wonderful," said Amber Huser, junior international business major. "I loved the jazz rhythm mixed with the blues."

The band, which consists of seven members led by percussionist/composer/arranger Nick Herman, has played concerts mainly in the New York area. The band members started off the night by playing their title song "Quimbombó." The concert at Southern was the band's first concert west of the Mississippi.

"The performance was a lot of fun," said Quimbombó band member David Oquendo, the lead vocalist of the band.

Audience members got out of their seats to dance in the aisles and on the stage in support of the band.

"I think that the crowd energized the band," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies. "When people started dancing, it really picked up the band."

Stebbins was responsible for contacting Quimbombó and bringing the band to Southern.

"I am particularly pleased with the number of students that attended and the enthusiasm they showed with dancing," Stebbins said.

Alex Alvear, band member, said the audience was doing the right thing during the music by dancing.

"You have to dance to it," Alvear said.

Francois Le Lan, senior literature major, said he really enjoyed the performance. He described the band as "a ray of Cuban sun before Joplin winter."

Andy Simpson, senior international studies major, was one of the audience members who danced during the performance.

"It was danceable, and it was fun," Simpson said.

Editor's Column

Same-sex marriages deserve equal rights

Once again Congress is forcing its way into American's personal lives.

On May 21, Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-Colo.) introduced an amendment stating all marriages must "consist only of the union of a man and a woman."

T.J. Gerlach
Public Forum Editor

A recent article in a new publication, *The Week*, dealt with the issue. The article read, "Society, and our children, will suffer dearly if marriage ceases to have any real meaning."

If marriage today is so vital to the future of our great nation, why then is the divorce rate and the number of single parents so high in the United States? In my opinion, the "real meaning" of marriage is for two people who love each other, or think they love each other, to enter into a vow to spend the rest of their lives together. Marriage is not solely meant to ensure our posterity (that will never be a problem for this nation).

I find it difficult to believe that the government should be able to dictate who people can and cannot develop relationships with.

Don't get me wrong; I do believe marriage should traditionally be between a man and a woman. While I cannot say I truly support same-sex unions, I do believe government action against them is wrong.

I have known several homosexuals in my life, and their choice of lifestyle never bothered me. It is my belief that if any two individuals, male or female, gay or straight, are willing to devote themselves to each other for the rest of their lives, then nothing should stop them from doing so.

Over the summer, the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that the state's Declaration of Rights does not guarantee the right for people to marry a member of the same sex. Prior to this ruling, numerous Christian organizations were worried because of the Full Faith and Credit Clause in the Constitution, which would have forced every state in the Union to honor the ruling if it had gone the other way. Also this summer, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against a Texas sodomy law, which civil rights organizations consider a huge victory for gay rights.

The marriage bill is currently in the House subcommittee on the Constitution.

The Week's article also made the point that Americans once believed equal rights for women and blacks were "just plain wrong." If the nation eventually recognized those rights, then someday gays and lesbians will also be treated equally.

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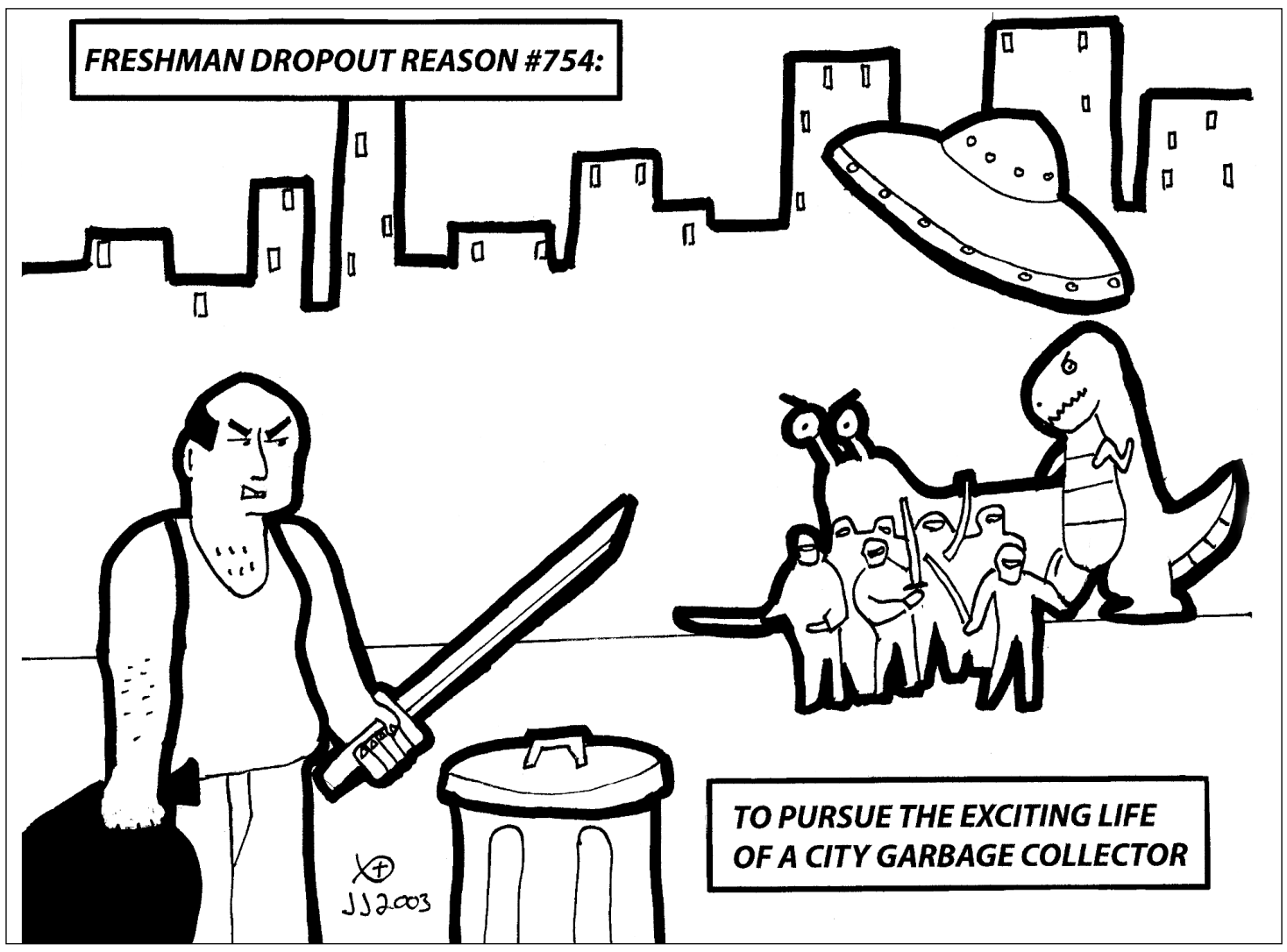

Many drop due to poor causes

Students have been dropping out of Missouri Southern like flies.

A year ago the University had 5,823 students enrolled in the fall semester; this year that number has dropped to 5,410. So what if tuition has increased to $127 per credit hour? Students should realize by paying a higher tuition they are paying for a higher quality education.

Students can brag about the educational experience they received at Southern. The University boasts a 100 percent of students passing on the National Teacher Exam-Praxis II in 2000.

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Eighty-one percent of those who took the test scored within the top 50 percent nationally. The quality of education at the University is something to be proud of.

Before anyone panics about the enrollment rates, one has to realize enrollment is up at area two-year institutions. This is a good thing for Southern. More than likely, students who go to a local two-year college will transfer to Southern after they graduate from that institution.

Adjusting to University life is not easy to do. Students should not drop out because they can't handle college life. Students should also not drop out because of financial reasons. Southern will help students with financial aid, and loans are available if scholarships and grants don't cover all the expenses.

The University has fluctuations in enrollment figures every year, and the figures should be looked at over a broad period of time. Who knows? Maybe next year enrollment will be at an all-time high.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

How can Southern keep students from dropping?

"The attendance policy should be done away with for this to alleviate the stress. But people should still have to turn their work in on time and show up for tests and quizzes."

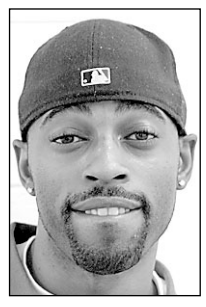
Josh Reid
Junior
English
Major

"There should be no Freshman Orientation classes. People want to pay money for their major, not Freshman Orientation. It's a waste of time."

Robin Arnall
Sophomore
Sociology
Major

"Administration could adopt curriculum policies similar to those in other countries where the classroom atmosphere is conversational and the focus is on retained knowledge versus short term."

Julie Martin
Junior
Secondary Education
Major



"The cost of tuition needs to be dropped because more people are going to cheaper schools and having a better time and better activities because the cost is lower."

James Harris
Senior
Criminal Justice
Major

"People need to realize college is time and money consuming, and if you don't have your priorities set, it is not going to work."

Carrisa Lawrence
Senior
Theatre
Major

Letters

Be careful when donating plasma

The ER physician described it as a near sinkable experience; I had nearly passed out on the table while donating plasma, then the seizure came. The next few days I found myself spending time in the hospital for blood work, two CT scans, an EEG and an MRI — the whole time regretting ever donating plasma and feeling manipulated out of need and exploited by money. The plasma center calls attention to the saving-lives issue; donating plasma can save lives, but how about my own precious life? At the start of my seizure, I told management to call an ambulance. My demand was not honored and they over-rode my better judgment. The attending nurse watched my vitals and shielded me from the information displayed until the seizure had subsided. When I asked to have my blood glucose level taken, I was informed that they had no means of performing this vital test. They gave me a can of soda, told me I could draw my pay and go.

Like a lot of students, I have donated plasma out of the necessity for the cash it supplies; out of concern for my fellow university students is why I write. I believe that anyone who has purchased a lottery ticket in hopes of the win plays reverse odds when donating plasma. (I have never won the lottery). A loss occurs with every donation — 46-63 percent of blood volume is plasma. A plasma donation may rob your system of the bulk of it, placing the donor into a state called hypovolemic, or low blood volume — a potentially dangerous condition because the variation of blood volume affects other components of the cardiovascular system.

Athletes should be aware that TeBG, testosterone-binding-globulin, which transports steroid hormones, is in plasma. (Sixty percent of plasma is protein, 35 percent is globulins, contained within are your antibodies.) Aside from the importance of proteins and globulins is electrolytes: a fluid essential for vital cell activity. Other organic nutrients are used for growth and maintenance of cells, amino acids, glycerides and carbohydrates (primary glucose) that is essential for brain functioning.

Please be aware of what you're giving away every donation, and now, make an informed decision.

Matthew Harris
Sophomore Psychology Major

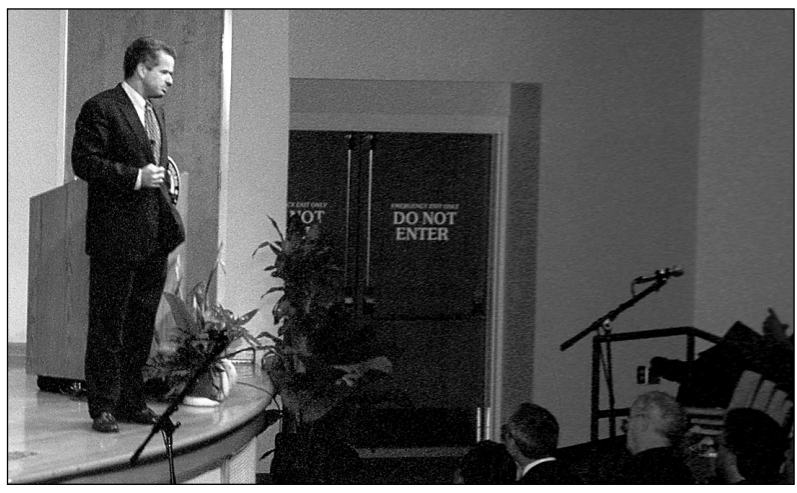
Perception eludes *Chart* editor

I appreciate irony. For example, the irony of how Republicans whined and complained about Clinton not being fit for office because he deftly avoided the Vietnam War by strategically not getting drafted, while not minding one bit that Bush, Jr. evaded service in that same war by having his father enlist him in the Texas Air National Guard (so he could defend Galveston from the Viet Cong?). That's why I find it highly appreciable that the basis of Mandi Steele's editorial are remarks that Johnny Depp says that he never made (he claims he was misquoted by a far-left wing German Magazine), and that he has profusely apologized for. I guess that part got past Steele. One would hope that the managing editor of a student newspaper would be a bit more perceptive.

Steele and I can agree on one thing: people shouldn't care what celebrities think, or at least no more so than average Americans. However, wherever celebrities go, cameras and reporters follow, so anything they say is likely to get splashed all over the news. Personally, I think many celebrities go too far, including the Glover quote Steele cited about the Bush administration being "liars and murderers." I don't think they are murderers, I just think they are deeply incompetent. Whether they are lying or not depends on how you define the word. I define lying as knowingly making false or misleading statements (for example, claiming that an enemy nation has been importing enriched uranium for the purpose of constructing a nuclear arsenal when you know the information verifying this statement is unreliable at best, forged at worst). Republicans seem to define lying as any false or misleading statement that doesn't advance their agenda. According to my definition of lying, yes, the Bush administration is composed of incompetent liars. As I said, it all depends on how you define the word. I'd like to add that I know Steele wasn't endorsing Bush in her editorial, and I appreciate that.

Sean Poindexter
Senior Sociology Major

The Harry & Berniece Gockel International Symposium



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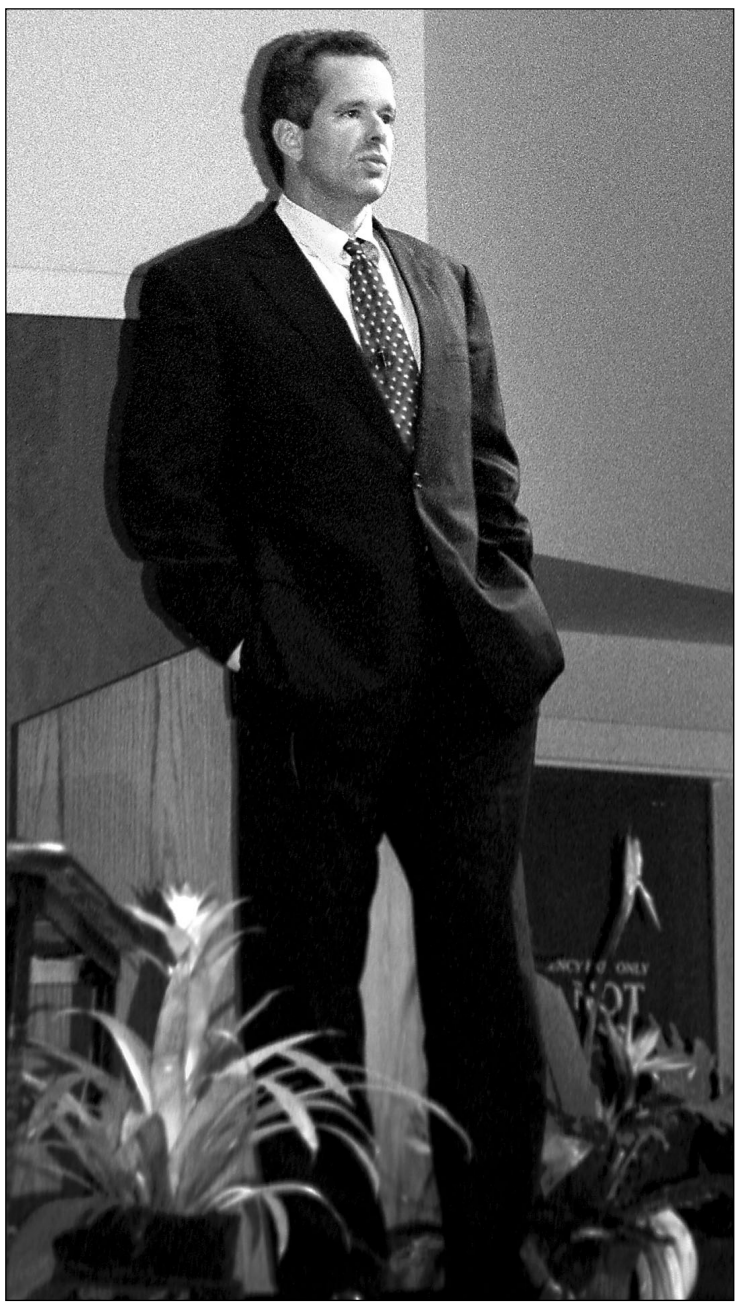

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In order for the audience to understand the complexities of the issues facing Cuba after Castro dies, Dr. Alberto Coll discussed the historic ties between the island and the United States.

From discovery to Castro:

Speaker discusses, reviews U.S. relations with Cuba

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

As noisy as the audience sounded when the students sat down, silence filled the air as the day's events began.

An estimated 850 students and faculty sat in Taylor Auditorium for one of the largest events of the Cuba Semester.

The Gockel International Symposium, titled "Cuba After Castro," started at 9:30 a.m. with University President Julio León, introducing the event.

León pointed out the importance of focusing on Cuba. He said there are many changes ahead for the country's future.

"We want to pay tribute, study and understand a country so close to us, yet so far away," León said.

After León spoke, Dr. Larry Cebula, associate professor of history, introduced Dr. Alberto Coll, senior fellow at the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy.

Coll said for students to fully understand the problems facing Cuba after Fidel Castro's death, students need to understand the history of Cuba.

The morning speech was planned as a preview to the evening discussion.

Coll's speech covered Cuba's history from the discovery of Cuba to the United States' involvement with the communist government in Cuba.

Coll also discussed Castro's changes in recent years.

"He really has his own ideas to run Cuba," Coll said. "The price the Cubans have to pay is that they have no political freedom."

Coll also spoke about his experience with the people in Cuba.

He said Cubans do speak about Castro, but only when they know the person listening is not an informant for Castro.

"They'll (Cuba's cab drivers) give you an earful of what's wrong with the country," Coll said.

After Coll gave his initial speech, Cebula asked Coll about life in Cuba after Castro dies.

Coll said the largest problems facing Cuba are drugs, crime and violence.

Cebula then opened the floor to a question and answer session.

Students asked several questions about topics such as, the Pope's visit to Cuba, the Cuban congress and the initial U.S. policies with Cuba after World War I.

Coll pointed out his thoughts about the current U.S. policy with Cuba and its people.

"The stupid policy prevents us from using our people, our money and our ideas," Coll said.

He said the United States can keep crime, violence and drugs from taking over Cuba should anything happen to Castro. He also said students can influence Cuba as well.

"Whatever you care about, get involved in that," Coll said.

Cebula said he was pleased with the attendance for the speech.

He also said the Cuban Gockel was the best Symposium he had seen in the last few years.

Daryl McLaughlin, senior sociology major, attended the morning event.

"It was very informative and he (Coll) kept it interesting," he said.

McLaughlin said students could develop a sense of other countries beyond the United States by going to the symposiums.

"Try to go to more than one, because one year the subject might not be as interesting to you, but the next year, it may be extremely interesting," McLaughlin said.

Audience packs hall in record numbers

BY ANJULIE BOBO
Staff Writer

For seven years, the Gockel International Symposium has been an important part of the themed semesters at Missouri Southern.

On Sept. 26, the discussion had yet another success.

"I have been involved in planning six of the seven years," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

"And in my opinion this was the best yet."

Dr. David Locher, associate professor of sociology, presented the speakers in the evening program.

Locher began the program with a brief overview of how the Symposium was created and what purposes it serves toward the University's international mission.

"I learned a lot of things about Cuba that I didn't know before," said Jessica Koch, sophomore international studies major.

"The lecture in and of itself was advantageous to any student because most students are not aware of how things between Cuba and the U.S. evolved as they did."

First to speak was Dr. Alberto Coll. Coll is a senior fellow at the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy. Coll was born in Havana and moved to the states in 1968 at the age of 13.

In Coll's lecture, he addressed many issues, but mainly focused on Cuba's future and why the United States should be concerned, ties between America and Cuba in the past and also the current embargo making trade with Cuba illegal.

"The day Castro dies, Cuba's problems will end," Coll said.

The next speaker was Dr. Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado.

Alvarado is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Alvarado has made 15 trips to Cuba for field research.

In Alvarado's speech, his main focus was why Castro has not fallen, and transnational issues after Castro does fall.

The night ended with Locher engaging both speakers in conversation.

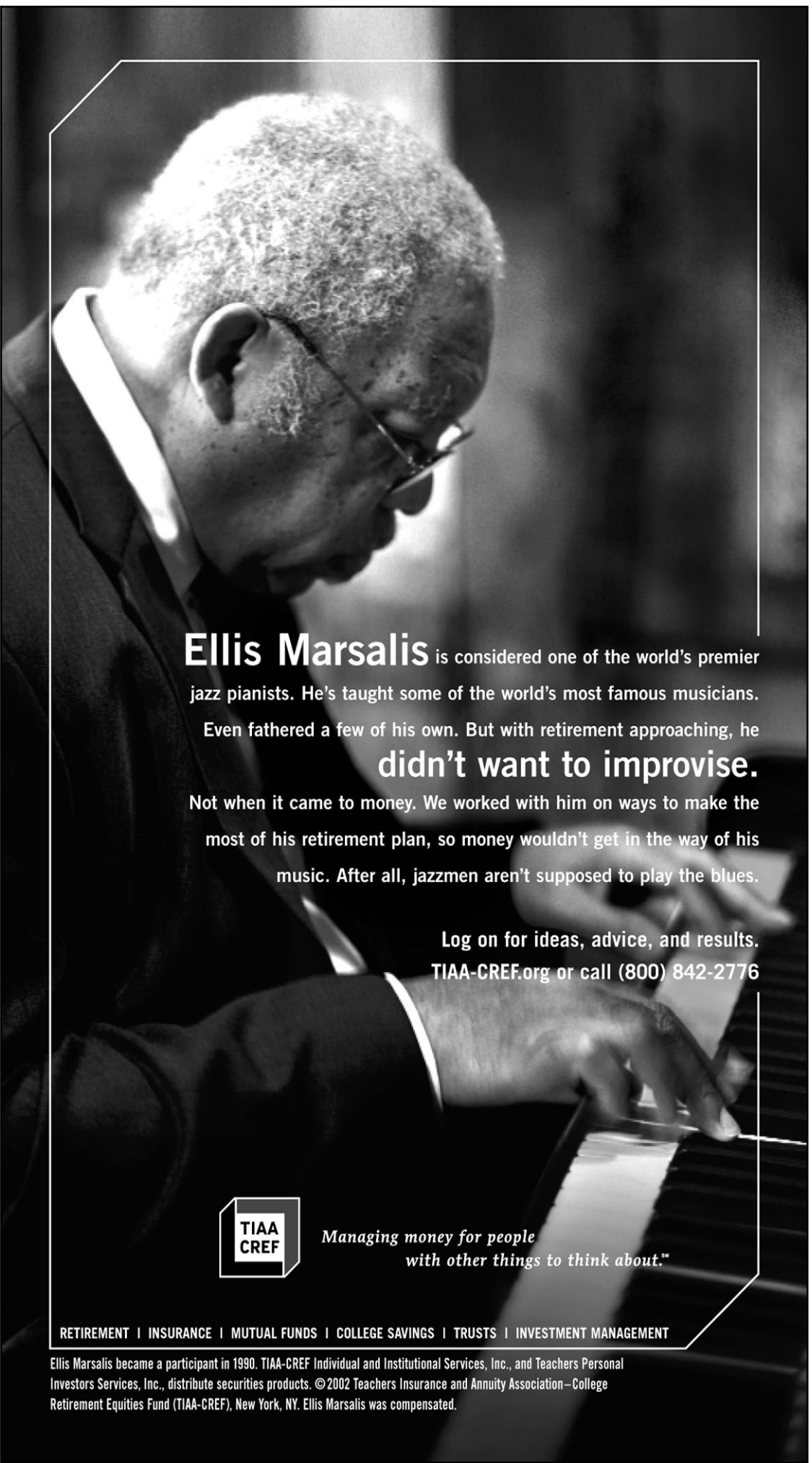
After the conversation, Locher allowed audience members to ask the speakers questions and receive an answer from both Coll and Alvarado. This ignited conversations and debates between Coll and Alvarado.

"I thought the symposium was very informational considering most people there have never been and can't go to Cuba," said Ben Hinkle, freshman international studies major.

"I think things like this help generate interest in international affairs among Southern students who might otherwise not care."

"We had a record attendance for both the morning and evening programs this year," Stebbins said.

The audience was estimated to more than 350 people.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Diversions

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Big Smith plays to a crowd of 1,200 people at the Unknown Festival Sept. 27 near Fayetteville. More than 15 bands from across the United States participated in the weekend's festivities.

Unknown bands attract notoriety at festival

Arkansas Mountains draw students to music festival

By Patti Richardson
Staff Writer

In the woods surrounded by the Arkansas Mountains, with green trees and orange dirt, hundreds of diverse campers were told to keep their shoes on.

The second Great Unknown Festival was Sept. 26-27 in Hog Ridge Hollow near Fayetteville.

"I really enjoyed seeing the whole production come together," said Stacy Liles, one of the four original coordinators of Pipedream Productions, the organization that started the Great Unknown Festival.

Liles said there were approximately 1,200 people who attended this year's event, which tripled last year's numbers of 400.

Campers drive down Highway 16, then take a sharp turn left onto a dusty road and over a hill to find the parking area.

Then, they grab some camping gear and squeeze into a full-sized van to head about a mile and a half to where the festival is held.

When the dust from the road finally blew away, hundreds of tents could be seen scattered over a big hill with a stage of loud music and vendors.

"The people were great, the vendors had a great selection of clothing, jewelry and food," said Brandi Newton, resident of Fayetteville.

There were several vendors at the festival with a wide assortment of clothing items for sale, including festival T-shirts, tie-dye clothing, hemp jewelry and pants made from patches.

"I was glad to be a part of this great family environment, especially for my kids," Newton said.

Patti Richardson/The Chart

PoDank, a group out of Tulsa, plays an impromptu concert between sets at the Unknown Festival.

Kate Pino-Baer, resident of Red Star, Ark., had a booth set up at this year's festival. She said it was a good turnout for her first year making patchy clothes, tie-dyes and jewelry.

"The music was also great, and I'm sure the lineup for next year will be even better," Newton said.

This year's lineup was packed full of guitar-heavy bands, funky bluegrass and even some acoustic bands.

Jeff Sipe's Apartment Project consists of band members from all of the other bands playing at the festival. Sipe, also known as Q-258, decided to form his own project while at this festival.

He was formerly a member of Aquarium Rescue Unit, Leftover Salmon and Project Z. Umphrey's McGee, a group out of Chicago, was formed in 1997 in South Bend, Ind., when two jam bands merged together.

The selection of music contains changing originals, covers and unique improvisational jamming.

Big Smith, a group out of Springfield, is a five-member bluegrass band formed by a group of cousins and their 20 instruments.

Speakeasy, also of Springfield, is an increasingly popular band that plays original rock music.

PoDank, an acoustic-bluegrass band out of Tulsa, unexpectedly showed up to the festival and so impressed the festival organizers that it landed them a gig between Speakeasy and Big Smith.

The extra set was meant to give Big Smith, the headlining band, the chance to setup. PoDank consists of Johnny Palmer, guitarist, Kabe Cornell, stand-up bassist, Sean Stewart, banjo and mandolin player, Sick, fiddler and Bonnie Payne, washboard player.

"It was awesome to have the chance to finally meet Big Smith," Stewart said. "Big Smith has known about us for a while and now they have booked us for a few shows with them."

Area movie rental stores offer reward programs to customers

By Russ Roper
Staff Writer

When looking for something to do on a tight budget, the rent-a-movie option is always open.

Joplin has video rental stores located throughout the city.

Stores such as Blockbuster Video, Hastings, Movie Gallery and Crown Video have a wide selection to chose from. While all the stores rent videos and games, there are some differences among them. Hastings has videos, DVDs and games, but the store also carries many other items like music, books, posters, accessories and clothing.

Membership at the Joplin Hastings store cost 99 cents for the first card.

"This is a one-time charge, and if they ever lose it, they get a new one free," said Rachelle Lynn, video associate.

The charges on videos and DVDs range from 99 cents to $3.49 for five days and four nights. If the movies are returned before their due date, 50 cents to $1 goes toward the next rental.

The music section contains both new and used selections. The prices on these items vary with a wide selection to choose from.

Blockbuster carries videos, DVDs and games. Regular membership is free. The "Rewards Program" is $9.95 per year. In this program, for every five items rented, the sixth one is free. There are several price levels starting at 99 cents and a variety of rental schedules. Those that are not "red cover" for example, are $3.49 for seven evenings. New releases are $4.04 for two nights and three days and must be returned by noon. The new releases are on a first-come first-serve basis.

"Blockbuster has the guarantee that they will have it, but we are a franchise owned by Midwest Entertainment so we don't," said Ruth Green, assistant manager.

Crown Video is another rental store available to choose from. Its membership is also free. It carries videos, DVDs and games.

They have pre-viewed movies available for sale at a variety of prices, as do the other stores in town. Movie rentals range in price from 49 cents to $3.50 with varying schedules, depending on the rental. The various games available range from $3-$5. The $5 rental is for seven days.

Movie Gallery, soon to have three stores in town, carries a wide selection of movies with an equally diverse price range. The store has numerous specials and deals on a regular basis.

"We have a point system," said Brenda Kelly, customer service assistant. "Rentals give you points, and for every 12 points, you get a free rental."

The prices to rent are $3.69 for two days on the new releases and $3.69 for five days on older movies. The older movies are rent three and get two free.

Campers relax while waiting for the next band to perform at the Unknown Festival Sept. 26-27 in Fayetteville. Read the story for information on the event.

Homecoming events dominate group's discussion

BY T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

CAB
Campus Activities Board

An overview of Homecoming events was the primary order of business for the Campus Activities Board's Oct. 1 meeting.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said CAB is mainly looking for volunteers to work some of the events.

The Board has planned events for every day of Southern Stampede.

Monday is "LegaCD" in the BSC Lounge, where students can record their own compact discs.

Before Tuesday's volleyball game, CAB will hand out free Coke, popcorn and T-shirts to Missouri Southern students. Only one T-shirt is allowed per student.

At 9 p.m. Tuesday, CAB will hold Western Movie Night in the Student Life Center.

Blazing Saddles and *Young Guns* are the suggested movies for the night.

"I don't know if we'll get a good crowd [at the movie night]," Blackford said. "If it gets people in there, great."

From 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, there will be Western pictures on the oval.

The Board has scheduled two events for Thursday. From 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. is the Lion's Den Saloon in the BSC. From 7:30-10:30 p.m. is the "Western Lion Dance" on the third floor of Billingsly.

"It's not just a country dance," Blackford said. "We'll have a DJ that will play any type of music, but people are invited to wear their western wear."

Friday is the all-campus picnic from 10:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m. on the oval. The T-shirts not given out during the volleyball game will be handed out at the picnic.

There will be a mechanical bull and a Western obstacle course.

Homecoming royalty will be announced at noon.

The Board had planned a bonfire for Friday evening, but it was canceled due to a prediction of cool weather and the timing.

"Friday night at 8 o'clock, I didn't think we'd get the kind of turn out we had planned for," Blackford said.

She said the Board wanted to "raise the bar" on school spirit this year, and the Board's focus was on Homecoming.

All of the ideas for Southern Stampede came from students.

"I think it's going to be a good Homecoming," Blackford said.

Ryan Smith, left, and Stan Boman of Joplin's Vaginal Discharge perform a show for a crowd of about 100 people at the all-ages Club Cesspool Sept. 26.

Andy Tevis/
The Chart

Club policy offers safety for young rockers

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

A room consisting of six old couches, spray painted banners and salvaged carpet duct taped to support beams, and the concrete floor is the setting for some of Joplin's hardest death metal concerts.

Tom Walters is the owner of the building that houses Feebletown Skate Park and Club Cesspool, Joplin's newest venue for heavy metal music. The old, red-brick warehouse is located at 1039 Joplin St., directly across the street from the Shriners. Rows of small glass windows line the sides of the building and large garage doors open to allow passers-by to watch extreme sports fans show off their tricks.

The vision for Club Cesspool was conceived by Gene Herbert, music promoter and DJ for the club, when BTB, the old skatepark, moved from under the Seventh Street bridge to its new location.

Walters put on several concerts at that location, but was limited in his endeavor by a subpar sound system and noise complaints from the neighbors.

Since May, Herbert and Matt McNally, freshman undecided major, have hosted The Cesspool radio show every Sunday night on Rock 105.3. The show features a variety of heavy metal music.

"I wanted to call the show 'Songs From the Sewer,'" Herbert said, "but Johnny 'The Rat' suggested the name 'The Cesspool.'"

"We've had toddlers come here with their parents."

Gene Herbert
Music Promoter/DJ

After the skatepark moved in April 2003, Herbert approached Walters about opening a heavy metal club in the building.

Herbert did much of the work himself.

"It took a month to build," he said, "I smashed down a room that was in the way, built part of the stage, dumpster dived for the carpet and hooked up the electric."

The grand opening was July 11 and featured Three Headed Moses, Forever Shadows and the Teflon Dons. The club regularly averages 100 people per concert, but has entertained as many as 200.

Herbert also allows the bands to use his professional grade sound system for the concerts and gives away Cesspool T-shirts at every concert.

One feature that sets The Cesspool apart from other area clubs is its all-ages policy.

"We've had toddlers come here with their parents," Herbert said. "It's for any age group because there's no smoking, alcohol, nudity or fighting."

Catering to his young crowd, Herbert does what he can to keep costs down.

"I try to keep shows really cheap, $2-$3," he said. "I usually get the bands to play for free pizza and bottled water."

Most bands accept Herbert's offer because of the chance to play on a 40-by-20-foot stage.

"Bands have said they feel like they're in a movie because they've never played on a stage this big or on a system this big."

Herbert books bands that he enjoys, but said any band can rent the club for the night to put on a show.

On Dec. 6-7, Club Cesspool will host Metalfest, featuring Pyaemia from Holland, Spawn of Possession from Sweden and Chunsa from Chicago, as well as a host of area metal bands like Dark is the Day, Strength of Conviction and PeaceChurch.

For Herbert, the success of The Cesspool is a dream come true.

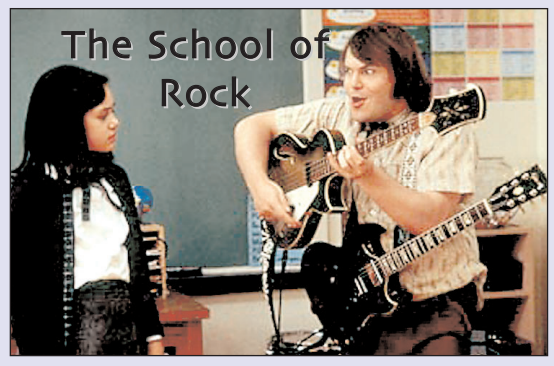
"When I was younger, we used to do noise fests in our basements, and we had bands play all day," he said.

"I think it's a really good way to promote underground music, not bands that write songs for money."

The club's next concert is Saturday and will feature Brutally Frank, Overdogs, Missing the Point and 20 Trenched.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.



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The School of Rock, *Out of Time*, and *Lost in Translation* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

"Dengue, 1997: Case Study of a Cuban Epidemic" lecture @ 9 a.m. @ Matthews Hall Auditorium.

Tulsa State Fair @ the Expo Square.

Bikes, Blues, and BBQ festival featuring Blues Traveller concert @ 7 p.m. in Fayetteville, Ark.

4
Brutally Frank, The Overdogs, Missing the Point and 20 Trenched concert @ 7 p.m. @ Club Cesspool.

Cross-Town Jazz Band @ 9 p.m. @ Champs Bar and Grill.

Big Smitty @ 9 p.m. @ King Jack Bar and Grill in Webb City.

5
Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

Northwest Arkansas Symphony-Concert I-Opening Celebration @ 2 p.m. Walton Arts Center in Fayetteville, Ark.

6
BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

LegaCD-record your own CD from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. @ BSC Lounge.

7
Karaoke and All U Can Eat Tacos @ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room

"Senses of Cuba" lecture @ 9:30 a.m. @ Webster Hall Auditorium.

Western Movie Night @ 9 p.m. @ Student Life Center.

8
BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. second floor BSC.

Project 86/Do Not Disturb Tour @7 p.m. @ the Criminal Justice Bldg.

Western pictures from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ The Oval.

9
Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Lion's Den Saloon-FREE root beer floats from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ Lion's Den.

Strange But True: Real Bumperstickers

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Time is the best teacher, unfortunately it kills all of its students.

Some people are only alive because it is illegal to kill.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Joplin Fire Department improves safety rating

The Joplin Fire Department recently underwent a hazard risk analysis conducted by the Insurance Services Office and received a rating of three. This year's rating was one point higher than the previous rating in 1993.

The Insurance Services Office provides information to insurance companies that details a fire department's capability in preventing fires from happening, and its ability to minimize damage should a fire occur.

Various factors contribute to the overall rating, including 911 emergency communications, department training, response times, water supplies, equipment and record keeping.

Local residents have potential to save trees

Southwestern Bell will distribute approximately 171,000 telephone directories in the Tri-State area this year.

With hopes of increasing the number of books recycled, organizations including Southwestern Bell and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring Project ReDirectory, an annual event that collects and recycles old telephone books.

Directories are accepted all year at the Joplin Recycling Center. Temporary collection points are Missouri Southern and all Metro Area Public Transit buses.

St. John's schedules CPR clinic at Northpark

St. John's Regional Medical Center will sponsor a CPR class Oct. 6 at Northpark Mall.

A $5 fee is required the day of class, and reservations are required.

Persons may contact St. John's at 625-2000.

Bill Shepherd/ The Chart

Passengers board the 8:30 a.m. flight to St. Louis Sept. 30 at the Joplin Regional Airport.

Airport seeks new commercial service

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

Arrivals and departures are the name of the game, and through a $500,000 grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Joplin Regional Airport hopes to increase their numbers.

Steve Stockam, general manager of the Joplin Regional Airport, said there are a number of ways the money could be used.

"It depends on what the carrier is looking for," Stockam said. "The money could be used for advertising, renovations or revenue guarantees."

The grant is made possible through the Department of Transportation's Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program.

Stockam said about 10 percent of the airport's business comes from commercial flights.

American Eagle is the only commercial carrier servicing the Joplin Regional Airport.

Northwest Airlines, which had previously served the Joplin market, pulled out of the airport in 2001.

Kurt Ebenhoch, spokesman for Northwest Airlines, said the carrier sets a minimum of two turbo-prop flights per day.

He said the Joplin market area was unable to support a two-flight schedule.

Stockam said the area served by the airport generates more than 6,000 tickets per month.

"We only capture 25 percent of those," he said.

Stockam said the airport loses most of its business travel customers to Tulsa International Airport.

He said most of the leisure travel in the area is lost to the airport in Kansas City.

"Kansas City offers an abundance of low cost carriers offering package deals to leisure travelers," Stockam said.

He said the bread and butter of the Joplin Regional Airport is business travel.

"Once we bring in service to one, maybe two other hubs, the options for business travelers will come back," he said.

Mike Donatt, communications manager for Lambert International Airport in St. Louis said there are 577 departures from the airport on an average day.

Stockam said convenience is also a factor in business and leisure travel.

"If you travel to Tulsa for a flight, you need to arrive two hours prior to departure," he said.

Stockam also said travelers must pay a toll when driving to the Tulsa International Airport.

In Joplin, passengers need to arrive an hour early, there are no tolls, little drive time and parking is free, Stockam said.

Women's Day offers fashion, food, fun

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

The first Grace Day for women had something for mothers, daughters and grandmothers. The fair was held Sept. 27 and took place at John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Joplin.

Grace Magazine, a quarterly publication of *The Joplin Globe*, hosted the fair.

A $3 donation at the door went to the Grace Fund to support area women's organizations, including, The Lafayette House.

The Lafayette House provides services related to domestic violence, sexual assault, substance and child abuse.

Various booths featured products and services for sale by area artisans and retailers.

Lee Ann Robertson, from Casual Corner in Northpark Mall, said she was busy meeting and advising her customers.

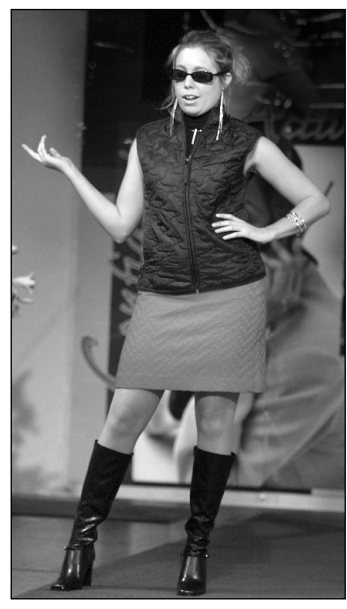
"We have been at the mall less than a year, so we really want to get the word out that Casual Corner is in Joplin," Robertson said. "This fair is a great way to let the public know we are here."

She said two of the makeovers done at the fair featured clothes from Casual Corner.

Kelli McCumber, independent image consultant for Beauti Control Cosmetics, explained the advantages of image tools.

"We offer color analysis, where we find out what colors of clothing and make-up fit best to their skin type," McCumber said. "We help women determine head-to-toe image solutions."

Dorothy Alsenz, a visitor to Grace Day, said she was interested in the jewelry and hair care products.



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Ginger Harris modeled for Target at Grace Day.

"This fair is a great day to celebrate women," Alsenz said. "There are lots of people here, a big variety of booths; it is a great show. I hope to get some culinary inspirations from Martin Paine's cooking show."

Paine has been a member of General Mills culinary team since 1994.

He is a certified executive chef with the American Culinary Federation and has won several awards from Pillsbury Bakeries and Foodservice.

His cooking demonstrations varied from savory to sweet. Dessert suggestions for Valentine's Day included such items as strawberry-filled breakfast tarts dredged with icing, as well as recipes for spicy Italian pita bread.

Sheila Stephens, another visitor of Grace Day, was standing in a line in front of the White Rhino styling salon.

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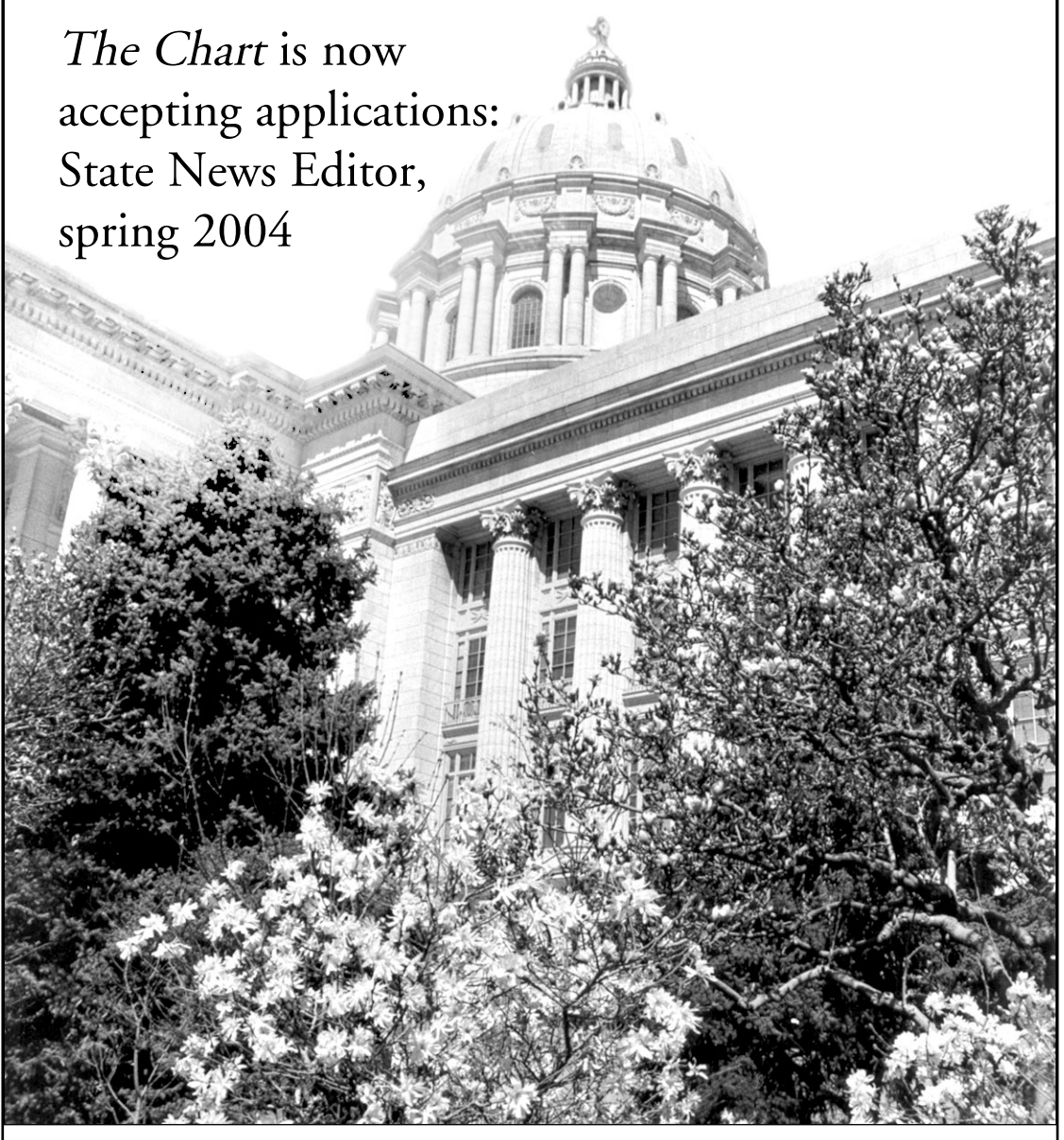

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Don Schultz demonstrates to his Materials and Processes class the use of a metal lathe.

Technical trainees learn cost reduction

By Mandi Steele
Managing Editor

Some students get paid to go to class.

Many students working toward an associate's degree in computer assisted manufacturing get paid by their employers to get training from Missouri Southern. For about three years, Southern has had an agreement with Leggett & Platt to offer customized training to its employees.

Sometimes Leggett & Platt will use its own funds to pay for its employees to receive training from Southern, but Leggett also receives funding from the state for this purpose.

Through this program, the employees spend much of their time at the company's ZED Training Center in Carthage working on machines for their technical training.

Jeff Littrell, sophomore CAM major, said he hopes to work in a management position at Leggett after he earns his degree.

"I've learned a lot of things I didn't know before I started," Littrell said.

Littrell, along with other Leggett trainees, took a technical economics class offered by Southern about company cost-reduction.

Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning, said the class "tremendously" helps the trainees learn how to save the company money.

"It really is a good program for area businesses," Spurlin said.

Littrell worked on a project for the company that will help the company save money.

He said the project showed how to extend the life of some of Leggett's machines. Littrell estimates that by implementing this plan, the company has saved itself about $400,000.

Danny Wilson, sophomore CAM major, helped Littrell with the project. He's been with the company for 16 years and said he's learning how to be a better machine specialist. Wilson is one of the students who has his training fees paid for and is also paid to take the class.

"It has been a good opportunity to learn new things," Wilson said.

Don Schultz, instructor at the computer assisted manufacturing department, has been teaching the technical training in Carthage and on campus.

"I love it," Schultz said. "It's good for me, too, to stay out in the industry."

Spurlin said Southern recently went into a partnership with Crowder College to offer the same type of customized training.

"Crowder and Missouri Southern now provide this training as a team," Spurlin said.

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WOMEN:

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"We missed the Target fashion show," Stephens said. "Now my daughter wants her hair done at White Rhino."

The fashion show featured clothes and accessories from Target, and presented casual wear as well as career clothes.

Shannon Bridgewater, one of the models, said she was satisfied with her catwalk performance.

"I like to be in front of people, so this was a great opportunity to be on stage," Bridgewater said. "My little daughter Cheyenne was on stage, too. She was very excited."

Lorna Beck, a cardiac outreach tech for Freeman Screen Team, was responsible for registering every woman interested in health screenings. Screenings for bone density and body fat composition were provided free of charge.

"There are lots of people who have no health insurance, and normally they cannot afford it," Beck said.

Although sometimes stressful, Beck said she loves her job.

"When women come up and say 'thank you,' I know that it is worth the time I spend," she said.

DROP:

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In Jason LeMasters's case, he said there wasn't much Southern could do to help him. LeMaster, former senior math major, was having a hard time keeping up with his upper-level math courses and was having family problems at the same time.

"I was just really in over my head that semester," LeMaster said.

He dropped everything in spring 2001 and hasn't gone back to college yet, mostly because of financial reasons.

LeMaster said he went to an instructor for help, but the instructor acted like he didn't really care.

However, he said that wasn't the case with most of his instructors at Southern.

Clary said his office tries to get students to talk more with their instructors to keep from dropping.

"Sometimes, there's a lot they can do to help," Clary said.

SEARCH:

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Jackson said the selection of a vice president is an important matter for Southern.

"It's like being involved in choosing the rest of the faculty for years to come, because this person has the most influence on faculty hired," Jackson said.

He said the position will be difficult to fill based on those individuals who have held the position in the past, referring to Dr. Larry Martin and Dr. Eric Bitterbaum.

The position's job description also calls for what committee members refer to as "a vision for academic excellence."

"I hope we look for characteristics like forward thinking, an individual who is academically inspiring," Jackson said.

Dr. Mark Comstock, president of Faculty Senate and professor of business is also a member of the selection committee.

Comstock said the University has been blessed to have people in that position who have put the institution first.

The 10-member committee is comprised of a representative group of faculty and administrators from across campus.

"I've seen the impact each individual has had on the institution," Comstock said. "We just want to continue the tradition of excellence."

CAREER:

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thought it might be useful to start looking early," said Erin Gfeller, undecided major.

This year was the 14th time the University has offered the program.

Hurley said the career fair is designed to help students learn what they may do with their major.

Between 1,000-1,500 students attend the event each year, she said.

"Employers notice who attend and make the effort," Schwabrow said.

"The career fair provides an opportunity to get to know the students at Missouri Southern and get our name out by providing information for students who are considering law school," said Carrie English, recruiter for University of Kansas Law School.

Eager students with a quality education attract employers to the fair.

"We come here specifically for the respiratory therapy, radiology and nursing program," said Patty Lamery, human resources recruiter for Saint Francis Health Systems in Tulsa. "Southern has excellent programs, we like to hire from here."

The hospital has hired more than 15 graduates from Southern in the past two years.

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Several activities set for Homecoming week

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

This year's Homecoming will be a stampede of Southern pride.

At least, that is what Julie Blackford, director of student activities, is hoping the work put into the week will accomplish.

"We're just here to celebrate Missouri Southern," she said.

The theme of Homecoming is Southern Stampede. Blackford said part of the reason the theme was chosen was how simple it was to prepare for it.

"It's easy to decorate for that theme," she said. "That's kind of why."

With the overall theme will come different activities that students can participate in. Monday students can go to Billingsly Student Center to record their own CDs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Daniel Horner, junior health promotion and wellness major, said the University has had this activity, called LegaCD, in the past. He said it attracted a good turnout. Blackford said the event consists of students being able to go into a recording booth and singing, in turn recording their own voices on CD.

"We kind of see Homecoming as more than athletics."

Julie Blackford
Director of Student Services

Tuesday's activities consist of the volleyball game at 7 p.m. Horner said the Campus Activities Board will be handing out free T-shirts with "Southern Stampede" written on the back, along with free popcorn and sodas to students with their ID. After the game, students may go to the Student Life Center for Western Movie Night. The event will start at 9 p.m.

"It's something to do," Blackford said. "It's free."

The festivities will continue Wednesday with Western Pictures. The event takes place on the oval. A Western backdrop will be set up and students can have their picture taken and keep them.

Thursday's activities consist of the Lion's Den Saloon from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Blackford said. The saloon will probably serve cokes and root beer floats, drinks that will foam up.

"We do the best we can for a dry campus," she said.

From 7:30-10:30 p.m. that night will be the Western Lion Dance on the third floor of BSC. Blackford said country music will not be the only type played.

"It's not just like a country-western dance," she said.

Friday will consist of the picnic on the oval. Held from 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., food will not be the only thing available to students. They may also try the mechanical bull or the western obstacle course. Horner said he expects a good turnout to the event.

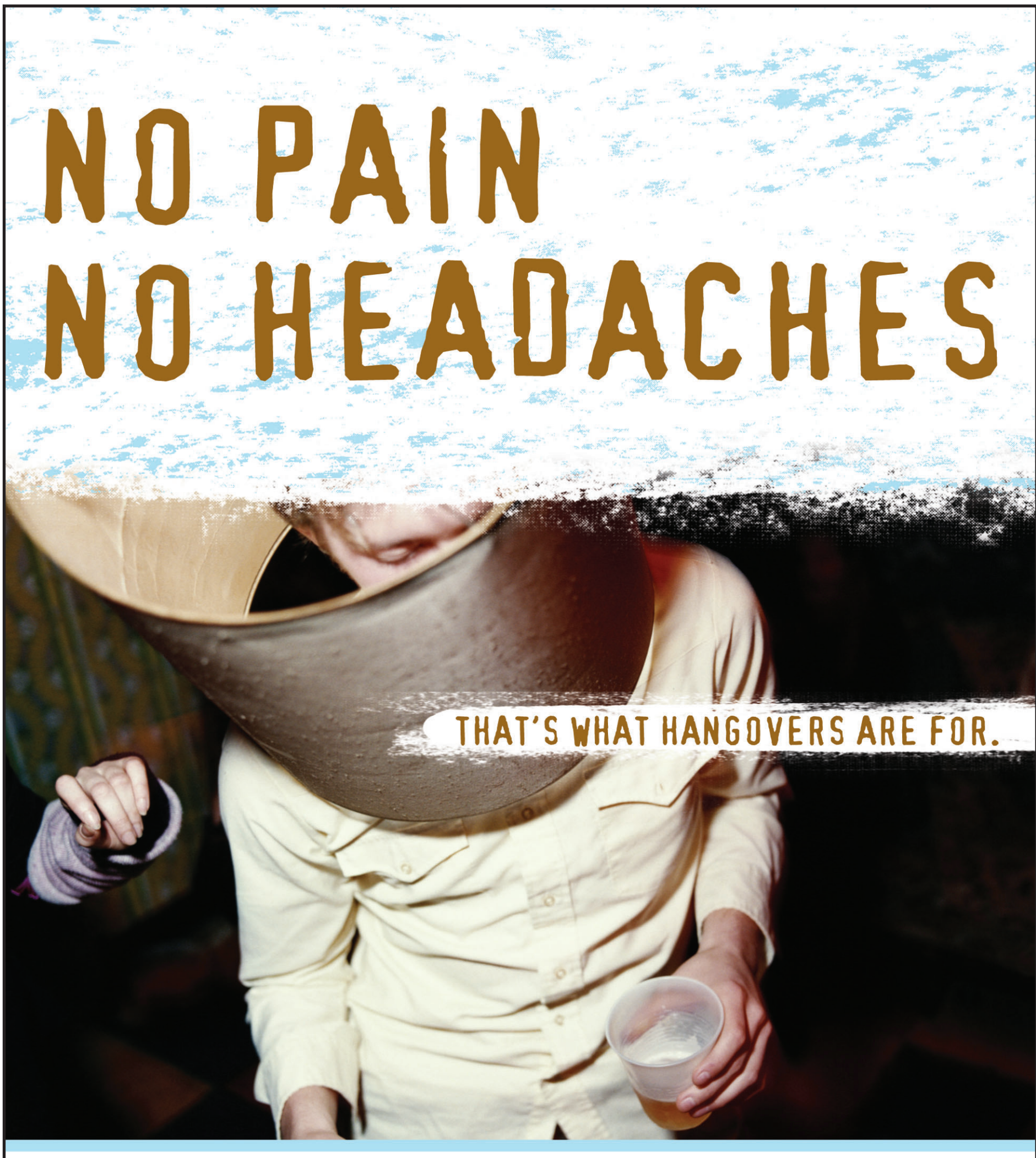
"I think it'll be fun just because it's different," he said. "It's a different kind of obstacle course."

Also at the picnic the Homecoming royalty announcement and crowning will take place at noon during a pep rally.

For the voting of the Homecoming king and queen, Blackford said they have had a good turnout.

Blackford said she expects a good turnout for the events this year. She hopes students will look at the week not just as an athletic thing, but also as a school thing.

"We kind of see Homecoming as more than athletics," she said.



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NCAA slaps suspension on starting QB

BY PHILIP MARTIN AND JEREMIAH COOK
Sports Editor and Staff Writer

Dropping below full-time status could be dangerous for some students, especially athletes.

Senior quarterback, Kokain Mothershed, was suspended for one game after dropping a class he needed for graduation.

Mothershed misunderstood the rule of the National Collegiate Athletics Association that would allow a senior to drop below full time status.

Sallie Beard, athletics director said Mothershed was trying to drop out of his class and before the paperwork could get done he was mistakenly dropped from the class.

"There were some signatures that were not obtained, and that, in essence, dropped him below the 12 hour requirement for full-time status," Beard said.

Mothershed was dropped from the class on Sept. 19. The next day the Lions played the University of Missouri-Rolla and won, 49-35.

"He played in one game under ineligible status, because he was carrying fewer than the required hours," Beard said.

She said the NCAA ruled Mothershed ineligible for play for the team's next game, on Sept. 27, against Central Missouri State University.

Beard said the NCAA based the ruling on "case history." Missouri Southern self-reported the infraction to the NCAA on Sept. 22 after becoming aware of the problem.

"There is a provision for a final-semester senior to carry fewer than 12 hours as long as they are taking the remaining courses required for their graduation," she said. "What happened was the class that Kokain was trying to drop was one he needed to have to satisfy graduation requirements."

On Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association infractions committee reviewed the penalty assessed by the NCAA and ruled no further action will be taken. Beard said the committee is composed of "all of the faculty athletic representatives."

"Odds are they (the committee) will accept the penalty the NCAA assessed," Beard said before the committee meeting.

Mothershed did not comment on the situation and head football coach Bill Cooke addressed all concerns to Beard.

Mothershed now has the dropped class back in his schedule and is expected to return to the field as starting quarterback Saturday.

Southern falls in harsh game against Mules

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

Fresh off of a 50-7 setback at the hands of Central Missouri State University, the Lions will look back on the positive side of things against Missouri Western State College.

Although giving up 43 unanswered points before getting on the scoreboard in the third quarter, the Lions still fought hard to stay in the game.

"I thought that our seniors stepped up and led. We challenged them to take it one play at a time," said Bill Cooke, head football coach. "That's the only way that you can get back into a game like that."

The Lions did have some success against the Mule's defense, which was allowing -0.6 yards per game rushing heading into the contest. Part of that success can be attributed to running backs Darvin Willard and Nate Proctor, with Willard getting the call to start against the Mules.

"In our offense, we have a lot of starters," said Rob Green, offensive coordinator for the Lions. "We have four starting wide receivers, and two starting tight ends, and Darvin is listed as number one, but they (Willard and Proctor) basically split time."

"It was a situation where we needed more help at running back," Cooke said.

"It was an experiment last spring, and he (Willard) did very well, so coach (Green) just put him back in the mix, and really he's elevated everybody's game around him."

As far as the upcoming game against the Griffons goes, it should be exciting.

"They (the Griffons) can play with anybody in this league," Cooke said. "It's going to be a dog fight, there's no doubt."

Last year the Lions fell to MWSC 28-7 in a game that was played in Hughes Stadium.

This year both teams come into the show down with identical 1-1 conference records.

The two teams are similar when it comes to the statistics.

"Statistically were close in a lot of areas," said Cooke.

"But I think that we match up real well with these guys, and it'll be a good game."

The Lions will be in St. Joseph for a 1 p.m. kickoff against the Griffons Saturday.

Volleyball team blocks Griffons

BY TARA WALKER
Staff Writer

The Hornets stung the Lions for the first time during a Sept. 26 home game.

With game scores of 30-32, 30-23, 30-18 and 30-18 the Missouri Southern volleyball team had its third conference lost to Emporia State University.

"Our offense wasn't quite connecting, and we made too many unforced errors," said head coach Debbie Traywick. "Emporia played really well. We couldn't get into any type of offensive groove. One of the problems we have had lately is our blocking. Friday night we really hit a down spot with it."

This was the first time Southern played ESU as well as Central Missouri State University.

The Lions lost to the Jennies with scores of 30-18, 23-30, 30-32, 30-23 and 15-12 on Sept. 27. The team "made some corrections and blocked the ball a lot better," Traywick said.

"In the first game we started out really sluggish, and then in the second and third game we played really well," Traywick said. "In the fourth game we struggled, and they took that game. In the fifth game it was really close back and forth all the way through, and right at the end they capitalized on a mistake and went on with the match. It was a good match though, much better Saturday than Friday. We played much more consistently throughout the whole process."

After two losses, the Lions came back with a big win against Missouri Western State College Oct. 1. With game scores of 30-24, 19-30, 18-30, 22-30, the team's new record is 8-5 with a conference record of 2-4.

"This was a win that we really needed," said senior outside hitter Amy Little. "We came together, and our blocking was a lot better. Our blocking has suffered in the last few games, and we really worked hard to focus on our blocking. We got a lot more blocking this game than we have had in the last couple of games."

Traywick contributes the win to a combination of good offense and team effort.

"Kym Mutert did a great job running our offense," Traywick said. "Jenny Ford and Amy Little stepped up big and played really well. I think the nice part about the team is the team effort. We need everyone to play and to win matches."

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Sophomore outside hitter Cindy Fleming returns a volleyball back to Emporia State.

Champions are different for many

What is it that makes a champion?

Lately, there has been focus on the fall of champions. Kobe Bryant, for instance, has fallen since being accused of sexual misconduct with a woman that is not his wife. Is he still a champion?

What about those players who have changed teams, just to win the championship in their respective sports? Karl Malone did just that over the summer, he switched from the Utah Jazz to the Los Angeles Lakers solely because of the want of a championship ring.

Philip Martin
Sports Editor

Doesn't Malone realize that just because a team is good for a couple of years, does not mean it will be good all the time? Look at the St. Louis Rams. They won a hard fought Super Bowl and the next year they didn't perform as well as the year before.

One thing about champions, true champions, is that they are people who won't let a loss get to them.

If you lose one game, it doesn't mean it is the end of the world. Some players will take it out on themselves if they lose a game.

Is a champion someone who wins every game? No. A champion in my opinion is someone who will take the losses along with the wins. What about when they fall from grace, would they still be champions? It depends on what a person considers a champion to be.

It has been brought to my attention lately that Americans seem to hold the wrong people in the highest respect.

What do you mean, Mr. Sports Editor? I mean we hold up the people who have fallen down, especially if they hit bottom hard. These people pick themselves up and make something of themselves. These could be ex-drug addicts, ex-gamblers, ex-whatever.

My point is that after they turn their lives around and become something that they weren't before, people love them. Is someone like me, who has never done drugs or drank alcohol or anything that would make me fall from grace, any less of a champion than they are? I don't think so. The only difference between that person and myself is they came back, and I was always the same.

I don't consider these people champions. A champion to me is someone who will stick with one team, no matter what kind of season they are having, or won't change teams because they want to win a championship. A champion is someone who sticks to his principles, someone who never waivers from what he believes in, even in the toughest of storms.

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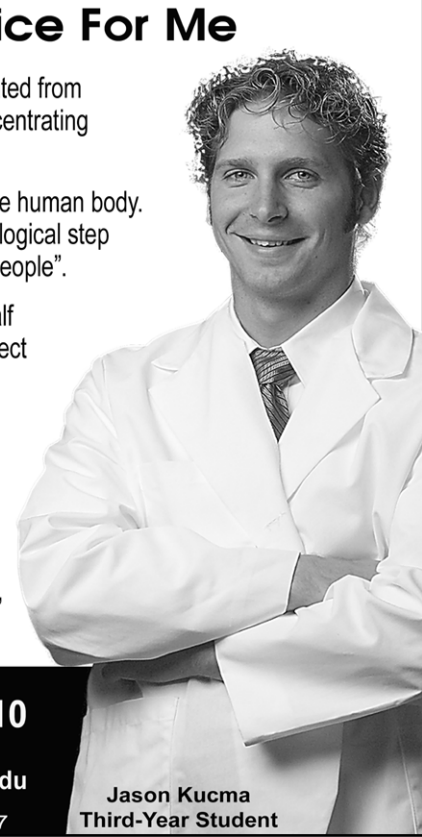

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LION STATS

Football

Sept. 27 Results

CMSU	12	31	7	0	— 50
MSSU	0	0	7	0	— 7

First Quarter

CMSU — Starks 20 yd field goal, 12:11. CMSU — Thompson 13 yd run (Starks kick failed), 7:56. CMSU — Starks 25 yd field goal, 0:07.

Second Quarter

CMSU — Green 26 yd fumble recovery (Starks kick), 13:31. CMSU — Thompson 1 yd run (Starks kick), 10:00. CMSU — Vassor 43 yd pass from Sangster (Staks kick), 8:30. CMSU — Starks 39 yd field goal, 7:32. CMSU — Maxwell 9 yd pass from Sangster (Starks kick), 2:04.

Third Quarter

MSSU — Mathes 26 yd pass from Taylor (Komen kick), 3:45. CMSU — Thompson 1 yd run (Starks kick), 0:00.

Men's Soccer

Oct. 1 Results

JBU	1
MSSU	3

MSSU Scoring: Skiermont, Vacek and Juett

Women's Soccer

Oct. 1 Results

NWMSU	0	0	0	0	— 0
MSSU	0	0	0	0	— 0

MSSU Scoring: None

NWMSU Scoring: None

Volleyball

Oct. 1 Results

MWSC	30	19	18	22
MSSU	24	30	30	30

Softball

Sept. 27 Results

Neosho County	8
Missouri Southern	**4**
Southwest Missouri	1
Missouri Southern	**3**
Truman State	0
Missouri Southern	**1**

Southern Schedule

Oct. 3

Volleyball @ Truman State University

Tennis @ ITA Tournament

Oct. 4

Volleyball @ Northwest Missouri State

Tennis @ ITA Tournament

Cross Country @ Oklahoma State Jamboree

Football @ Missouri Western

Women's Soccer @ Southwest Baptist

Oct. 5

Tennis @ ITA Tournament

Men's Soccer home against University of Missouri-Rolla@ 3 p.m.

Golf home @ Missouri Southern Invitational

Oct. 6

Women's Soccer home against Truman State University @ 7 p.m.

Golf home @ Missouri Southern Invitational

Oct. 7

Golf home @ Missouri Southern Invitational

Volleyball home against Pittsburg State University @ 7 p.m.

J.P. West, sophomore midfielder, attempts to steal the ball from a Missouri Valley College player. The game held Sept. 26, was postponed due to inclement weather. The game has been rescheduled for Oct. 3.

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Southern gains first win on road

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern men's soccer team has had a tough road to hope thus far in the season.

The soccer team opened up the season with a six game loosing streak, and that's something many are attributing to inexperience.

"They aren't a very experienced team, but coach Cirillo will turn it around," said Dawson Driscoll, head men's soccer coach, University of Tampa who defeated the Lions, 4-0. "He came into a tough situation, but he'll get them headed in the right direction."

It could be said that this is a season for learning, with a first year head coach, and a team with 13 underclassmen.

"I think that every thing in life is a learning experience," said head men's soccer coach Kiley Cirillo.

"To be where I'm at my age, to be at the division two level already as a head coach, you quickly realize how much you don't know about the game."

Even learning experiences can have their rough spots.

"When you're 0-6 it doesn't look like anything has improved until you get that win," Cirillo said.

"The things that have improved have been the relationships between the players. The things that haven't improved, is when you loose six in a row, the motivation goes down."

Cirillo believes that the Lions "improve every time that they go out and touch the ball," it's just a matter of putting it all together.

"We have improved technically on the ball, and we're able to do better things, and we know each other," Cirillo said. "But we've also had some things that haven't improved."

Before the first three games, Cirillo said the team had the feeling they could win, and that's just not there right now. He said the team has played hard, taking several of their games down to the wire, it's just a matter of getting that first mark in the win column.

"The only thing we lack is the mental stability to win," Cirillo said. "But how do you teach that to 18 and 20 year old kids? We've played some tough teams, and you say well that's tough. Even though we lost them, I still think that we are capable of winning those games. When you go in up 1-0 at the half, you have to hold on. And that's where the mental aspect comes in."

The schedule hasn't been easy for the Lions.

"I want to play quality soccer," Cirillo said. "The big question is do you want to win, or do you want to play quality soccer? Now, you might not win every game, but when you look at your schedule and you can say that you're going to go out there and play quality soccer, that can help you with recruiting, and in other areas."

Hope finally came for the Lions Oct. 1 in a win against John Brown University, 3-1. With nine games left on the schedule, the Lions have plenty of chances; both for notching another win in the W column and for playing quality soccer.

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> *Head Men's Soccer Coach*

Softball team prepares for weekend tournaments

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The Missouri Southern softball team came together during the tournament held Sept. 20 at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Kristen Jennings, freshman catcher, said the tournament went well. The Lions started off the weekend tournament losing to Neosho County Community College, 8-4.

"I think it (the tournament) went really well," said Jennifer Jimerson, head softball coach. "Fall games are about finding out what needs improvements."

The Lions won the next two games. Southern defeated Division I team Southwest Missouri State University, 1-3.

The team also defeated Truman State University, 1-0.

"We finally beat Truman," Jennings said "Coach Turner (assistant softball coach) was excited because of the win."

Saturday and Sunday the softball team plays a tournament at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

"I haven't heard anything about NEO," Jennings said.

"People are excited about the games."

After the tournament Jimerson said the team is "headed in the right direction."

"We played some good games," she said. "We're a young team, we haven't quite gelled yet. We've only been practicing for a month, so we're still a young team."

Jennings said she believes the team came together and "gelled really well."

Jimerson said the team does only a few fall tournaments.

The tournaments show what improvements the team needs to work on during the fall and winter practices, she said.

After the tournament, the Lions play an alumni game with a barbecue before the game.

Two goals gain women's soccer team best win of season against Central

BY MELISSA BLANCHARD
Staff Writer

On Sept. 25 the Lions stomped Central Missouri State University, 2-0.

The lead scorer was Tera Reisner, senior forward, with four shots on the goal, and two goals.

"It can't just be a one person show, everyone is in on it," said Trevor Wachsman, women's soccer coach

"That was by far the best game we'd played all season, no one played as individuals, we all played as a team," said Melissa Husby, senior defender.

Oct. 1, the Lions played with Northwest Missouri State University 0-0. They held off the Bearcats and ended with a tie.

"In the past couple games we have played a lot better," Wachsman said. "Our training is paying off."

"Our new coach (Wachsman) has been nothing but positive and has already done good things," Husby said.

Wachsman has been bringing a little something new and different to the Lions game.

"Trevor brings a new aspect to the game he makes us work a lot harder than I've ever worked," said Stephanie Doerr, senior defender.

Lions 2

Jennies 0

"We put more mentally into the game, exercising my mind to the point where I get as fatigued as my body."

With no serious injuries the Lions have a strong, healthy team.

"For the most part we are staying pretty healthy, which is important because we don't have as many players as most teams do," Wachsman said

Wachsman has seen much improvement out of the Lions this season.

"We brought our training out to play and it shows," Wachsman said.

Senior goalkeeper, Kim Boessen was named Wilson/Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association player of the week.

This is the second week in a row the Lions women's soccer team has had a player of the week.

Saturday, the Lions play Southwest Baptist University there. At 3 p.m. Monday, Truman State University steps foot on Lion territory.

With some tough conference games coming up, the Lions seem to have no worries.

"Truman is our rival, and ever since I've been here we haven't beat them," Doerr said.

"I'd like to show them we aren't just a little school and that we can really play some soccer."

"The entire team was thankful for the fan support at last week's game," Husby said.

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Jessica Buhman, freshman midfielder, attempts to score against CMSU.